

Assembly

Record of Committee Proceedings

Committee on Insurance

Senate Bill 88

Relating to: requiring health insurance coverage of hearing aids and cochlear implants for infants and young children.

By Senators Lassa, Risser, Vinehout and Hansen; cosponsored by Representatives Schneider, Sheridan, Boyle, Pope-Roberts, Berceau, Sinicki, Hraychuck, Turner, Smith and Hilgenberg.

January 10, 2008 Referred to Committee on Insurance.

February 27, 2008 **PUBLIC HEARING HELD**

Present: (0) None.

Absent: (0) None.

Appearances For

- Marlin Schneider, Wisconsin Rapids — Representative, Wisconsin State Assembly 72nd District
- Julie Lassa — Senator, Wisconsin State Senate 24th District
- Judy Wagner, Mequon — Grandparent
- Laura Feldhake, Stoughton — Wisconsin Speech Language Audiology Association
- Kerry Malak, Milwaukee — Center for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing
- Billy Mauldin, Madison — Wisconsin Council for Deaf and Hard of Hearing
- Matthew Hansen, Hubertus
- Laurie Nelson, Mineral Point
- Amy Boehler, Hubertus
- Carol Burns, Mt. Horeb — Hearing Loss Association of America
- Todd, Angie and Lorna Klitzke, Reedsburg
- Rusty and Stephanie Shankle, Kendall
- Alicia, Janko and Oliver Boehme, Madison — Disability Rights w/ survival coalition
- Ann Bransel, Fort Atkinson — Parent
- Heather Schreiber, Beaver Dam
- Tiffany and Manny Wilke, Beaver Dam
- Linda Schulz, Whitefish Bay

- Eloise Schwarz, Wauwatosa — Hearing Loss Association of America;
- Molly Martzke, Green Bay
- Deb Wisniewski, Madison
- Michelle Quinn, Madison — UW Madison Communication Disorders
- Franz Backus, Milwaukee
- Sue Endress, Milwaukee — parent
- Kelsey and Kristin Murphy, Sheboygan
- Sara Zwiefelhofer, Kenosha
- Sue Whooley, Deforest
- Kaia Maves, Edgerton
- Phoebe Allen, Madison
- Jane Tarleton, Mayville
- Chris Noffke, Madison — parent
- Tom Foht, Germantown
- Michael Flood, Appleton

Appearances Against

- R. J. Pirlot, Madison — Wisconsin Manufacturer's and Commerce
- Darrell Roby, McFarland
- David Brody, Madison — Coalition of Deaf
- Dan Schwartzer, Madison — Wisconsin Association of Health Underwriters
- Jack Barr, Sun Prairie

Appearances for Information Only

- Marcia Reinthaler, Sheboygan — Parent

Registrations For

- Jennifer Kammerud, Madison — Wisconsin Dept of Public Instruction
- Alberta Darling — Senator, State Senate District 8
- Robert Chang, Madison
- Mark Grapentine — Wisconsin Medical Society
- Larry Nelson, Mineral Point
- Lori Foht, Germantown
- Angie Klitzke, Reedsburg
- Alison Loizzo, Whitewater
- Sue Wilke, Beaver Dam

Registrations Against

- Bill G. Smith, Madison — National Federation of Independent Businesses

- Dan Schwartzer, Madison — Independent Business Association
- Nancy Wenzel, Madison — Wisconsin Association of Health Plans
- Dan Schwartzer, Madison — Wisconsin PPO Association
- Tony Langenohl — Association of Health Insurance Plans

Registrations for Information Only

- None.

March 4, 2008

EXECUTIVE SESSION HELD

Present: (12) Representatives F. Lasee, Nygren, Montgomery, Van Roy, Ballweg, Moulton, Kramer, Cullen, Berceau, Ziegelbauer, Parisi and Hilgenberg.

Absent: (0) None.

Moved by Representative Montgomery, seconded by Representative Kramer that **Assembly Substitute Amendment 2** be recommended for introduction.

Ayes: (12) Representatives F. Lasee, Nygren, Montgomery, Van Roy, Ballweg, Moulton, Kramer, Cullen, Berceau, Ziegelbauer, Parisi and Hilgenberg.

Noes: (0) None.

INTRODUCTION OF ASSEMBLY SUBSTITUTE AMENDMENT 2 RECOMMENDED, Ayes 12, Noes 0

Moved by Representative Montgomery, seconded by Representative Kramer that **Assembly Substitute Amendment 2** be recommended for adoption.

Ayes: (12) Representatives F. Lasee, Nygren, Montgomery, Van Roy, Ballweg, Moulton, Kramer, Cullen, Berceau, Ziegelbauer, Parisi and Hilgenberg.

Noes: (0) None.

ASSEMBLY SUBSTITUTE AMENDMENT 2 ADOPTION RECOMMENDED, Ayes 12, Noes 0

Moved by Representative F. Lasee, seconded by Representative Montgomery that **Senate Bill 88** be recommended for concurrence as amended.

Ayes: (10) Representatives F. Lasee, Montgomery, Van Roy, Ballweg, Moulton, Cullen, Berceau, Ziegelbauer, Parisi, Hilgenberg.
Noes: (2) Representatives Nygren and Kramer.

CONCURRENCE AS AMENDED RECOMMENDED, Ayes 10,
Noes 2

Mary Jan Rosenak
Committee Clerk